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State Environmental Award Nominations Sought *Program recognizes environmental leaders*

Frankfort, Ky. (May 10, 2012) —The Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection (DEP) is soliciting nominations for the 2012 Environmental Excellence Awards. These awards were established to recognize the environmental leadership efforts and activities of individuals, businesses and organizations in the state. Through this awards program, DEP is providing a platform to tell the stories of the environmental stewardship taking place in the Commonwealth.

“With this awards program, the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection recognizes some of the environmental leaders in the Commonwealth and highlights their achievements,” said R. Bruce Scott, DEP commissioner. “Their efforts are an inspiration and encouragement to others to protect Kentucky’s environment and conserve our precious resources.”

The awards include three Environmental Pacesetter Awards to recognize exemplary efforts to protect the environment, conserve resources and set an example of environmental stewardship. The Community Environmental Luminary Award highlights achievements in community-based environmental education and outreach. The Resource Caretaker Award focuses on efforts to conserve Kentucky’s resources. The KY EXCEL Champion Award recognizes a KY EXCEL member that has shown leadership in promoting positive environmental

behaviors and the KY EXCEL program. Launched by DEP in 2006, KY EXCEL is a voluntary program that recognizes efforts to improve and protect Kentucky's environment above and beyond the state's environmental requirements and is open to any individual, organization, community or business.

Award nominations are being accepted until close of business on Aug. 1, 2012. Winners will be notified by early September and invited to the awards presentation scheduled during this year's 2012 Governor's Conference on Energy and the Environment.

For more information about the awards program, KY EXCEL and to access a nomination solicitation form, visit <http://dca.ky.gov/> or call the Division of Compliance Assistance toll-free at 800-926-8111.

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